

**2015**  
Comprehensive  
Plan  
Evaluation  
+  
Appraisal  
Report



**FORT LAUDERDALE**



# What is the Comprehensive Plan?

- + The Comprehensive Plan is the City's blueprint for existing and future development.
- + Plan's goals, objectives and policies reflect:

The City's **vision** for its **future**, and how it will meet the needs of **existing and future residents, visitors, and businesses**.



## How does it work?

### + The Comprehensive Plan provides:

The **big picture vision** for the City's **development and redevelopment**

Goals, objectives and policies that establish broad **policy direction**, not **specific regulations**

The foundation for its implementation through more detailed and specific **land development regulations, capital projects, master plans, grants** and **other mechanisms**



# What is an EAR?

**+ An Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) is an assessment and UPDATE of the Comprehensive Plan.**

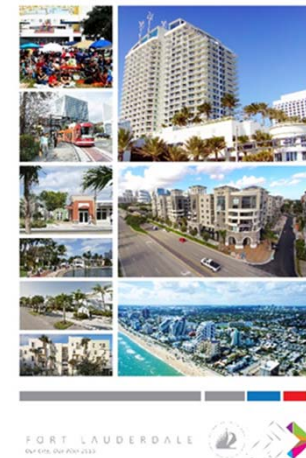
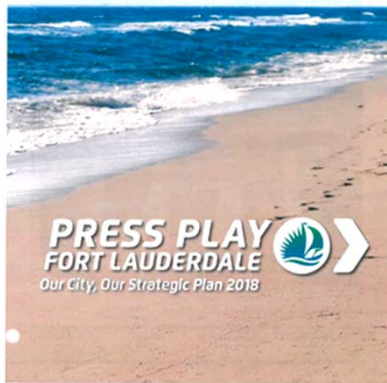
Local governments are required to evaluate their Comprehensive Plan to ensure that it meets all relevant **statutory requirements** every **7 years**

This evaluation also presents an opportunity to ensure that the Plan is working, up to date, and accurately addresses **community needs**



# + Opportunity to reorganize the Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with the Press Play Strategic Plan and Fast Forward Vision Plan

Align elements with the **Infrastructure**, **Public Places**, **Neighborhood Enhancement**, **Business Development**, **Public Safety** and **Internal Support** platforms



*Coming Soon*

## Comprehensive Plan Elements and Platforms

### *Infrastructure Platform*

- *Climate Change Element (new)*
- *Transportation Element*
- *Water Subelement*
- *Sanitary Sewer Subelement*
- *Stormwater Subelement*
- *Aquifer Recharge Subelement*
- *Solid Waste Subelement*



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### *Public Places Platform*

- *Parks and Recreation Element*
- *Urban Design Element (new)*

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### *Neighborhood Enhancement Platform*

- *Future Land Use Element*
- *Housing Element*
- *Conservation Element*
- *Historic Preservation Element*



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### *Business Development Platform*

- *Economic Development*
- *Public Schools*

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### *Public Safety Platform*

- *Coastal Management Element*



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### *Internal Support Platform*

- *Capital Improvements Element*
- *Intergovernmental Coordination Element*
- *Administration and Implementation Element*

## Evaluation Topics

How can we best respond to the effects of **climate change** and become more resilient?

How can we achieve **sustainability** at all levels?

How can we meet existing and future **infrastructure** needs?

How can we ensure the provision of **housing** to meet current and future needs?

How can we increase safe multi-modal **transportation** options?

How can we enhance the City's character and **sense of place**?

How can we take advantage of **economic opportunities** and optimize the City's unique assets?



## Climate Change

### + Key Recommendations include:

Design guidelines based on **higher base flood elevations**

Increase storm **resiliency** of housing

Adapt City infrastructure to be **resilient**

Identify additional stormwater and tidal surge **buffer areas**

Increase **tree canopy targets**

Adopt a new **Climate Change Element**

# Sustainability

## + Key Recommendations include:

Compact **walkable development** *“responsive, compatible growth in existing neighborhoods”*

**Built environment** that supports **healthy living**

**Alternative energy** sources *“greater incentives .... that utilizes solar, wind and other alternative energy sources”*

Increase the use of **Florida-Friendly** and/or **native plants**

**Multi-modal, energy efficient** transportation *“improving neighborhood streets...for the movement of people by all modes of transportation...”*



## Infrastructure

### + Key Recommendations include:

Storm inlet improvements

Promote the use of bioswales

Encourage rainwater harvesting

Encourage low volume watering

Increase recycling rates

Segregation and reuse of green waste

## Housing

### + Key Recommendations include:

**Mixed use development** along transportation corridors

Affordable housing along **complete streets** and **transit corridors**

Address homelessness through **temporary, transitional and permanent housing and support services**

*“Responsive, compatible growth in existing neighborhoods...”*

Coordinate with County through BrowardNext on **flex unit policies** (more authority to City)



## Transportation

### + Key Recommendations include:

Adopt pedestrian, bicycle and transit and multimodal **levels of service standards**

Add policies to reflect the **Complete Streets** Manual including *“improving neighborhood streets...for the movement of people by all modes of transportation...”*

Incorporate **wayfinding** into infrastructure projects

**Mixed use development** along transportation corridors

*“Transit friendly office, commercial and multi-family residential within high density, mixed-use activity centers.”*

## Sense of Place

### + Key Recommendations include:

A new **Urban Design Element**

Adopt **Neighborhood Compatibility Requirements**

Incorporate **artistic features** into infrastructure projects

Add **pocket parks** where feasible



## Economic Opportunities

### + Key Recommendations include:

Development of **flexible commercial** and **office spaces**

**Streetcar links** to the airport, port, convention center, beach, downtown...

A new **Economic Development Element**

Promote the development of public park spaces and activities which encourage the exchange of **innovative concepts** and **ideas**

Implement **economic development** and **job creation strategies**, in concert with the **business community**

## General Recommendations

### + Key Recommendations include:

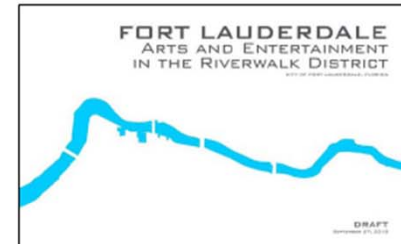
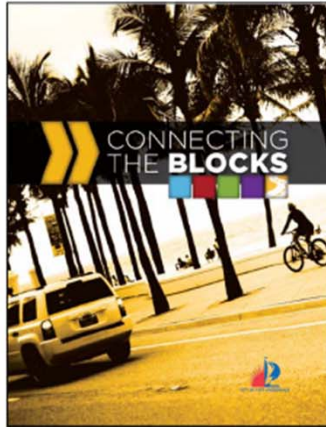
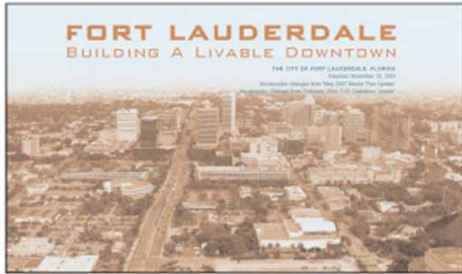
Reorganize plan to align **Elements** with the appropriate **Cylinder of Excellence**

Adjust dates to reflect the 2020, 2025, and 2035 **planning horizons**

Simplify language to **improve readability**

Reflect the format of the **Strategic Plan** and **Vision Plan**

## Existing Plans





## Public Involvement

Interagency Scoping meeting on **January 26, 2015**

Public workshop on **February 11, 2016**

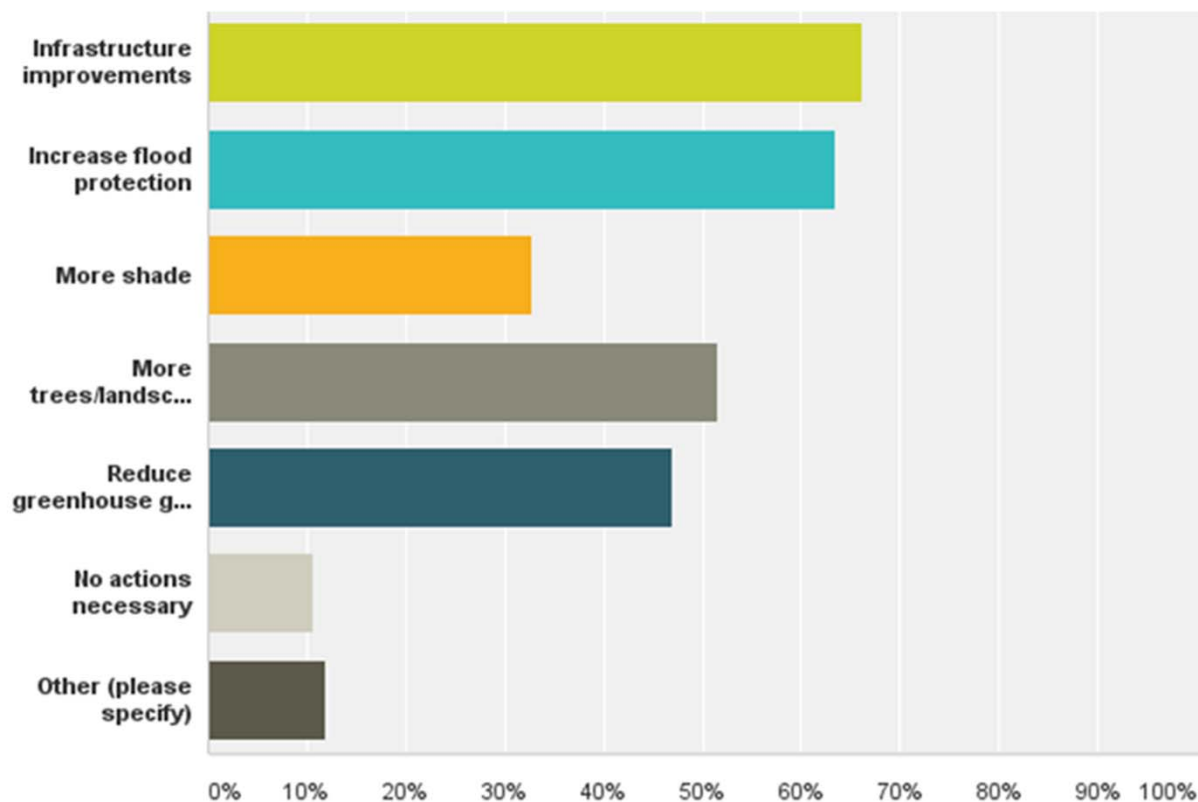
Council of Civic Associations presentation **September 8, 2015**

Questionnaire pertaining to the seven topic areas posted on City website and emailed to community groups

618 questionnaires received between **February 12** and **April 15, 2015**

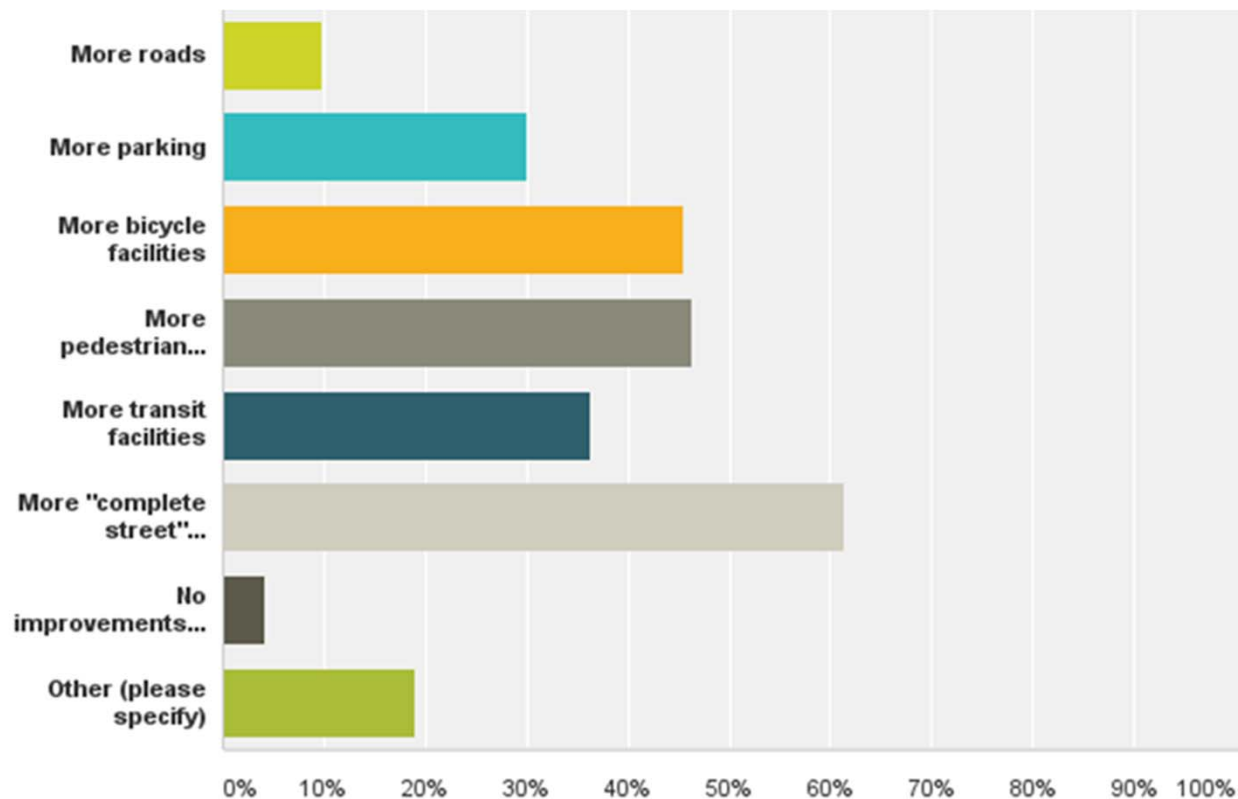
## Q2: What steps should the City take to address climate change? (Please Check All That Apply)

- Answered: 601 Skipped: 17



## Q11: What types of transportation improvements should the City make? (Please Check All That Apply)

- Answered: 560    Skipped: 58





## Next Steps

Presentation to Council of Civic Associations on **September 8, 2015**

Planning and Zoning Board presentation **Fall 2015**

City Commission **Fall 2015/Winter 2016**

Amend Comprehensive Plan in **2016**

# Questions



## *Next Steps:*

- + Data Inventory & Analysis*
- + Goals, objectives & policies*

## **Thank You!**

City of Fort Lauderdale  
The Corradino Group